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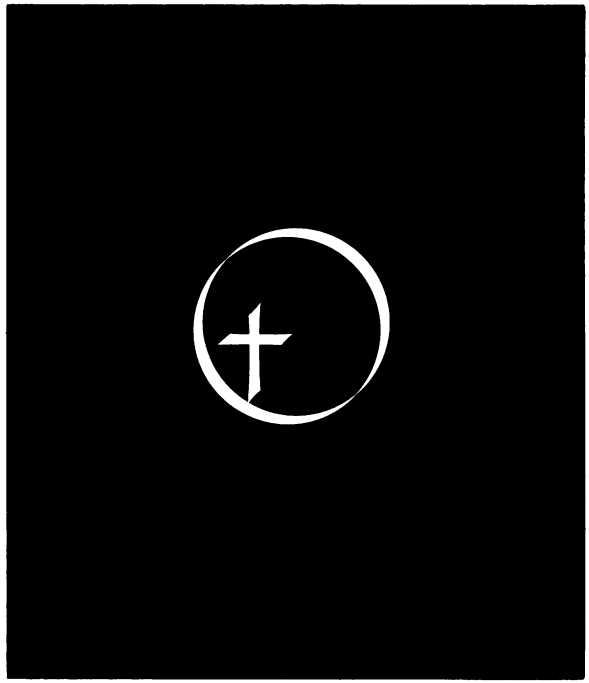

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PREFACE.

IN the preparation of this book, the selections from the Psalms and Prophets are taken from the Common Version, with a few verbal changes, chiefly from the translation by Rev. Dr. Noyes. The rest of the materials are drawn from ancient liturgies and many modern service books, to all of which obligations are acknowledged.

Its plan avoids the monotony of a single prolonged service; and by its threefold division of Introduction, Psalm, and Prayer, it offers freedom in using more or less, at the option of the minister and people.

The children for the last generation have been educated in the Sunday School to take part audibly in the religious service; and they naturally desire the same privilege as they take their place in the Church. Where such opportunity is permitted would seem to be the truly congregational order.

To all who desire, with Jesus of Nazareth, to worship one God, the Father, believing that the substance of all true religion is love to God and man, this book is respectfully offered.

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The Selections from the Psalms or Prophets are to be read by the Minister and Congregation in *alternate* sentences.

In the Introductory Services and Prayers, the sentences to be read by the Congregation are printed in *Italics*. At the end of every prayer also, the people may answer, *Amen.*

It is recommended that, in singing, the Congregation shall stand; and, in prayer, that they shall kneel, or sit with bowed head.

FIRST SERVICE.

One or more sentences to be read by the Minister.

THE Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.

The Lord is nigh unto all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found: call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be *filled.*

EXHORTATION.

MAY this house be unto us no other than the house of God and the gate of heaven. Here let us worship Him who is a spirit in spirit and in truth. Suffer not the cares of the world and the anxieties of life to interrupt our devotions. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Toil, trial, and suffering still await us; and the experience of every day teaches that we are not sufficient unto ourselves. Put your trust in Him whose grace is ready to help in time of need.

SENTENCES.

To be said by the Minister and People.

HEAR, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord:

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

God is love:

And he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him.

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

He that loveth his brother abideth in the light.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life.

As many as are led by the spirit of God, they are sons of God.

We know that all things work together for good to them that love God.

This is life eternal, that they might know thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

We have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Glory to God in the highest.

And on earth peace, good-will toward men.

A THANKSGIVING.

To be said by the Minister.

FATHER of lights, Author of every good and perfect gift: we heartily thank thee for thy bountiful kindness to us and to all men; for life and all its blessings, for health and prosperity, for brotherly love and the means of doing good; above all, for thy grace and truth, and for our hope of life eternal. Increase, O Lord, our knowledge, and multiply thy grace upon us, that no ignorance or sin may pervert thy blessings; but give us such a sense of thy goodness that we may ever devote ourselves to thy service in word and deed; and, praising thee both with our lips and our lives, may go on through thy mercy to the joy of life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and People.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord, open thou our eyes.

That we may behold wonderful things out of thy law.

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

(Here may be sung a Hymn or Anthem.)

SECOND SERVICE.

One or more sentences to be read by the Minister.

MY voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord: in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

Let our prayers be set forth in his sight as incense, and the lifting up of our hands as an evening sacrifice.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together: for with him is the fountain of life, and in his light shall we see light.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

When the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil.

EXHORTATION.

THE Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God, our heavenly Father; but confess them with a lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you,

as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace: saying with me:—

A Confession.

To be said by the Minister and People.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father: we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.

Then shall the Minister say this Prayer.

O LORD, we beseech thee, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee: that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

To be said by the Minister and People.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God;
Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, forever and ever.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

(*Here a Hymn or Anthem may be sung.*)

THIRD SERVICE.

One or more sentences to be read by the Minister.

WHEREWITH shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? He hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? and who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

If thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there remember that thy brother hath aught against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a *tinkling cymbal.*

EXHORTATION.

AGAIN we rest from the active duties of our earthly pilgrimage, to sing our songs of gratitude and adoration, and renew our souls at the fountains of life. We are not strangers or servants, but children of the household of God. With humble and fervent spirits let us offer up our prayers to Him who, though he dwelleth on high, yet never faileth to listen to the lowly and contrite who call upon him. And when we leave this place, may we all with fresh zeal and love go on our way rejoicing to the blessed and everlasting home.

SENTENCES.

To be said by Minister and People.

HEAR, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

This is the first commandment.

And the second is like, namely, this: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

There is none other commandment greater than these.

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.

For this is the law and the prophets.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God.

And every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

Though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

Now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Glory be to God in the highest:

And on earth peace, good-will toward men.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

THOU, O Lord most High, art our light and our life, our strength and our joy, our refuge in distress, our ever-present friend and helper. Inspire us, we beseech thee, with thoughts suited to thy most holy presence. As disciples of Jesus Christ thy Son, and with great love to him, we would come to thee: may it be also in his spirit. We would be mindful how far off from thee we should have been without him, and how near to thee he will lead us, if we humbly and steadfastly yield ourselves up to his guidance. Thou, Lord, hast made all things, and art wonderful in all thy doings; yet art thou most wonderful and glorious in thy works of love and mercy. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and People.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

To the only Holy, the First and the Last, be thanksgiving and praise:

From all kindreds and tongues on earth, and the voices of saints in heaven. Amen.

(A Hymn may here be sung.)

FOURTH SERVICE.

One or more sentences to be read by the Minister.

GIVE unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

Surely the Lord is in this place. This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God. Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again unto the Lord.

It shall come to pass, saith God, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh, even the spirit of truth, which shall guide you into all truth.

Thus saith the Lord, who made heaven and earth, and all that in them is: I am the first and I am the last, and beside me there is no God.

Choose ye this day whom ye will serve; but as for me and my house we will serve the Lord. The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.

Be thou strong and very courageous, that thou mayest observe to do according to all the law: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest.

If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit.

EXHORTATION.

LET us draw nigh to the throne of grace in the spirit of Jesus Christ, that we may offer to our heavenly Father the spiritual worship which he seeketh. May our hearts be open to all holy influences. May heaven open to the eye of our souls, and our prayers and God's blessings be like angels ascending and descending. Be this day blessed among our days on earth, a season of refreshing to our spirits, a day of the Lord, spent in his intimate presence, and preparing us for his everlasting service.

Sentences.

To be said by the Minister and People.

BLESSED, O Lord, is the people that know the joyful sound of thy gospel.

They shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

Illuminate according to thy good pleasure all nations with the brightness of thy truth.

O Lord, give the word, and great shall be the company of preachers.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him;

But he hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit.

Create in us a clean heart, O God.

And renew a right spirit within us.

Cast us not away from thy presence.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Prayer.

To be said by the Minister.

NOT as being worthy, but trusting in thy loving-kindness, O God Most High, we draw near to thee. Not as we would, but as we are able, we bring to thee our devout offerings. Purify us, we beseech thee, from all guile; unite us to one another in the bonds of love and peace; pour down upon us thy spiritual gifts, and grant that this season of holy quiet may be profitable to us in heavenly things, and refresh and strengthen us to finish the work which thou hast given us to do. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

To be said by the Minister and People.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

(A Hymn may here be sung.)

FIFTH SERVICE.

One or more sentences to be read by the Minister.

I HEARD a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and he himself will be with them and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold I make all things new; I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.

He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

EXHORTATION.

THE preparations of the heart are with the Lord. Let us beseech him to help us *in our infirmities* by his Holy Spirit, that the praise and supplications which we offer up with one voice and one heart may be acceptable to him, and bring to us an answer of peace. May the spirit of truth come and abide evermore in our souls, — the life of our lives, a fountain springing up within us to everlasting life, that we may never thirst again, and that these waste places, our hearts, may become like the garden of the Lord.

SENTENCES.

To be said by the Minister and People.

O LORD, open to us the gates of righteousness:

And we will go in at them.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest and causest to approach thee;

That he may dwell in thy courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house;

Even of thy holy temple.

As rest is sweet to the weary and the cooling stream to him that is athirst, so let thy day and thy house be rest sweet unto us, and thy word a fountain of living water.

As the hart desireth the water-

brooks, so may our souls thirst after thee, and our hearts and our flesh rejoice in the living God.

And the spirit and the Bride say Come.

And let him that heareth say Come.

And let him that is athirst come.

And whosoever will let him take the water of life freely.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

O LORD our God, who hast vouchsafed to us this season of holy rest: look down, we pray thee, on thy worshipping people now before thee. May we have in remembrance thy works of righteousness and of love, and in our humble measure feel what that divine goodness must be, which continues to take care of us from week to week and from year to year, and which was the same in the time of our fathers and the old time before them. But most of all, O heavenly Father, we thank thee for thy boundless grace and mercy in Jesus Christ. In his spirit may we come to thee at this time with our glad homage and filial obedience. O Thou, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse, we beseech thee, the thoughts of our hearts by the inspirations of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee and worthily magnify thy hallowed name. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and People.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord, open thou our eyes.

That we may behold wonderful things out of thy law.

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

(*A Hymn* or Anthem may here be sung.)

SIXTH SERVICE.

One or more sentences to be read by the Minister.

O LORD, thou art my God: I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name. For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat; and thou wilt take away the veil that is spread over all nations; thou wilt swallow up death in victory.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee. Trust ye in the Lord for ever; for in the Lord our God is everlasting strength.

And the redeemed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion, with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness; and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

EXHORTATION.

IT is surely as sweet and needful, as it is fitting, that we should spend in the house of prayer a part of our day of rest. Almighty God hath revealed himself as one to whom we may give thanks for the blessings of life, whom we may seek for guidance in our difficulties, for strength in our weakness, for pardon of our sins, and for renewal of our spirits. Let our resolutions of obedience, our worship, and our submission have faith and love in them, as well as sincerity and earnestness; so will this be a true meeting-time between the Father in heaven and his children on earth.

SENTENCES.

To be said by the Minister and People.

GLORY be to God, all glory to Him who has created the light, and commanded it to shine on the face of the deep! How much more glorious is that light which shines in upon our minds, by the example of patriarchs, the revelations of prophets, the sweet solace of holy psalms, the instruction of wise proverbs, the experience of faithful lives!

Blessed be his name for this light which no darkness overspreads, this sun which never goes down.

God is the Lord who hath shown us such light.

His mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

O Thou to whom belong mercies and forgiveness, receive our humble petitions; and though we be bound with the chain of our sins, yet in thy great mercy, O Lord, help us, we beseech thee, that we may be set free, and be admitted to the glorious liberty of the sons of God.

If thou wert strict to mark iniquity, O Lord, who could stand?

May we so remember our sins as to forsake them; and then do thou remember them no more.

Hide not thine ear at our breathing, at our cry.

Thou, O God, hast pleaded the cause of our souls; thou hast redeemed our life.

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: his mercy endureth for ever.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

THOU, O Lord, art our strength, our refuge, and only deliverer. Teach our tongues fit words to call upon thee. Open within us the fountains of prayer and holy meditation; reveal to us thy truth; quicken us by thy spirit; love us with the love which thou bearest to thy children. Thou hast given us thy best beloved Son: with him give us, we beseech thee, all other things that are needful for us. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and People.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ;

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

(A Hymn may here be sung.)

SEVENTH SERVICE.

One or more sentences to be read by the Minister.

O MAGNIFY the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore we are no more servants, but sons; and if sons, then heirs of God through Christ.

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

EXHORTATION.

ASSEMBLED in the house of God, let us each inwardly pray for the spirit of Jesus Christ; and so let us offer up to the Lord of heaven and earth our humble worship and obedience. Let our prayers rise like incense to the very throne of God. So, by true spiritual worship, we shall go from grace to grace, and from strength to strength, until we stand for ever in his presence.

SENTENCES.

To be said by the Minister and People.

THE Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Come, let us return unto the Lord; and he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

Blessed be the Lord God, who turneth not our prayer away, nor his mercy from us.

The Most High dwelleth not in temples made with hands.

He is not far from any one of us.

O Lord God, we will enter thy gates with thanksgiving;

And thy courts with praise.

Lift up your hearts.

We will lift them up unto the Lord.

At all times and in all places, we will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God.

With angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we magnify thy glorious name, evermore praising thee and saying,

(*Minister and People together.*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Amen.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

O GOD most holy, who hast abundantly assured us that, while thou art strict to punish those who continue in their sins, thou art a gracious and tender Father to the penitent, and wilt open thine ear in compassion to the prayers of all such as with heartfelt shame and sorrow confess their sins before thee: show us, we beseech thee, our transgressions as they truly are; pardon us for the evil we have done; judge us not for the good we have left undone; work in us to will and to do thy good pleasure; that, being sanctified by thy Spirit we may serve thee in a religious and holy conversation, as true disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and People.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Search us, O Lord, and know our hearts.

Try us and know our thoughts, and see if there be any wicked way in us.

And lead us in the way everlasting.

Now unto the God of grace, for the might of his spirit and the love of Christ,

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

(*A Hymn or Anthem may here be sung.*)

EIGHTH SERVICE.

One or more sentences to be read by the Minister.

KNOW ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

We have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest? For all those things hath my hand made, and all those things have been, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto *you.*

EXHORTATION.

IN the holy quiet of this hour, let us draw nigh to him who heareth prayer; and let us remember that he listeneth more to our hearts than to our words. Let each of us bring an offering of penitence, if not of purity; of love, if not of holiness; of teachableness, if not of wisdom; of devout obedience for the time to come, if not the fruits of well-doing in the time that is past. And may we obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

A CONFESSION.

To be said by the Minister and People.

IF we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

For the good that I would, I do not; but the evil which I would not, that I do.

God be merciful to me a sinner.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.

Speak the word only, and thy servant shall be healed.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

O GOD, who by thy dear Son hast consecrated unto us a new and living way into thy holy presence: grant to us, we beseech thee, the assurance of thy mercy, and sanctify us by thy heavenly grace; that we, approaching thee with a pure heart and undefiled conscience, may offer unto thee a sacrifice in righteousness, and celebrate thy blessed name in the faith and spirit of thy Son. O God, mercifully accept the prayers of thy holy Church throughout the world which shall this day be offered at the footstool of thy throne; give us grace to prepare our hearts, that we may serve thee with reverence and godly fear; grant us a true apprehension of thy divine majesty, and a deep sense of our unworthiness; that so, approaching thy sanctuary with lowliness and devotion, we may present an offering acceptable to thee, and in the spirit of Him who hath taught us how to pray. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and People.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord, open thou our lips.

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God;

Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, for ever and ever.

Praise ye the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

(A Hymn may here be sung.)

NINTH SERVICE.

One or more sentences to be read by the Minister.

PREPARE ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain.

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary: they shall walk, and not faint.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

EXHORTATION.

THE heavenly Father in whose presence we now stand is always more ready to *hear than we to* pray; nor does any thing hide him from us but the veil of our impure and earthly mind. And since the preparations of even the willing heart are not without him, let us inwardly pray for the grace of a humble and holy spirit, that for a little while we may be alone with him; and, as his beloved Son went up into the mountain to pray, so we may rise above the haste and press of life, and commune with him in spirit and in truth.

SENTENCES.

To be said by Minister and People.

SEEK ye the word of the Lord and read, for his thoughts are not as our thoughts.

Strengthen ye the weak hands; and confirm the feeble knees;

Say to them that are of fearful heart, Be strong; fear not;

Behold your God will bring deliverance; he will come and save you.

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame leap as the hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing.

In the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in a thirsty land;

The solitary place shall be glad, and the desert shall blossom as the rose.

And a highway shall be there, the way of holiness;

To the meek it shall be a path of light, and the wayfaring man shall not err therein.

Come, walk in his word, with songs of joy;

And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

O GOD, who art, and wast, and art to come, before whose face the generations rise and pass away: age after age the living seek thee, and find that of thy faithfulness there is no end. Our fathers in their pilgrimage walked by thy guidance, and rested on thy compassion: still to their children be thou the cloud by day, the fire by night. Where but in thee have we a covert from the storm or shadow from the heat of life? In our manifold temptations, thou alone knowest and art ever nigh; in sorrow, thy pity revives the fainting soul; in our prosperity and ease, it is thy Spirit only that can wean us from our pride and keep us low. O thou sole Source of peace and righteousness, take now the veil from every heart, and join us in one communion with thy prophets and saints who have trusted in thee, and were not ashamed. Not of our worthiness, but of thy tender mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and People.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Glory be to God most High, the ever-blessed Father;

Who is, and was, and shall be, world without end. Amen.

(Here may be sung a Hymn or Anthem.)

TENTH SERVICE.

One or more sentences to be read by the Minister.

THE way of man is not in himself alone: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

Thoughts of peace, saith the Lord, do I think towards you: ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken to you: ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet shall stumble on the dark mountain, and, while ye are looking for light, he turn it into the shadow of death.

Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the Lord: let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

The temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

In every thing, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God.

EXHORTATION.

GOD, in whom we live and move and have our being, never leaves us, day or night. But the very nearness and custom of his presence hide him from our infirm and sinful hearts, and, under cover of this darkness, our inner discernment becomes dim, temptations gain a shameful power, and the good that is in us droops and fades. To clear such blindness away, and recover the pure wisdom of a Christian mind, we are called to this day of remembrance and this house of prayer. Entering here, therefore, we cross the threshold of eternal things, and commune with the Father who seeth in secret. Let us shake off the dust of transitory care, and every disguise that can come between us and God; and, remembering whose disciples we are, come to the simplicity, though it should be also to the sorrows, of Christ.

SENTENCES.

To be said by the Minister and People.

I WAS glad when my companions said unto me, Come, it is our holy day.

Let us go into the house of the Lord: let us take sweet counsel together.

Let our feet stand within his gates, and heart and voice give thanks unto him.

Blessed be the temple hallowed by his name: pray for peace within its walls.

Peace to young and old that enter there: peace to every soul abiding therein.

For friends and brethren's sake I will never cease to say: Peace be within thee.

O House of the Lord's praise: Peace be to them that love thee.

If I forget thee, may my right hand forget its cunning.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

O GOD, Unsearchable: why are we so blind to thee, who besettest us behind and before? In the daylight of thy constant mercy, we scarcely lift our eye to the infinite heaven whence it flows. Now screen us with thy hand, O Lord, that we may not wait for the night of sorrow, but here, under the shade of holy thought, may learn in what a world we live. Here let us rest from the weary shows of life, and converse with thee, the Only True. And though thou receivest higher praise than ours, from natures that know thee more and serve thee better, yet tune our spirits and join our voices with theirs; and unite us with the faithful and saintly, there and here, in one light of faith, one beauty of holiness, one repose on thee. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister and People.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Glory be to God most High, the ever-blessed Father;

Who is, and was, and shall be, world without end. Amen.

(*Here may be sung a Hymn or Anthem.*)

SELECTION FIRST.

Psalm 5.

GIVE ear to my words, O Lord; consider my meditation.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord;

In the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness:

Neither shall evil dwell with thee.

As for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy:

And in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple.

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness;

Make thy way straight before my face.

Let all those that put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them:

Let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

For thou, Lord, wilt bless *the righteous;*

With favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

Psalm 16.

PRESERVE me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, Thou art my Lord: I have no happiness but in thee;

The holy that are in the earth, and the excellent, in them is all my delight.

The Lord is my portion and my cup: thou maintainest my lot.

The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: my heart also admonishes me in the night seasons.

I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

Therefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth: my flesh also rests in safety.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave;

Neither wilt thou suffer thy beloved one to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy;

At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 17.

HEAR the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of false lips.

Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; let thine eyes see what is right.

Prove my heart; visit me in the night; try me, my thoughts shall not vary from my speech.

Hold up my steps in thy paths, that my feet slip not.

I call upon thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God:

Incline thine ear unto me, and hear my words.

Show thy marvellous loving-kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand those who put their trust in thee.

Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness:

I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION SECOND.

Psalm 18.

I WILL love thee, O Lord, my strength.

The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;

My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and my high tower.

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the floods of destruction made me afraid.

The sorrows of the grave compassed me about; the snares of death overtook me.

In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God:

He heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

He sent from above, he took

me, he drew me out of many waters.

He brought me forth into a large place: he delivered me, because he loved me.

To the merciful thou showest thyself merciful; to an upright man thou showest thyself upright;

To the pure thou showest thyself pure; and to the wrathful thou showest thyself wrathful.

The ways of God are just and true, his word is pure, tried in the fire:

He is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

For who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save our God?

It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way plain.

PSALM 27.

THE Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; *That I may* dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion:

In the secret place of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me upon a rock.

Therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy;

I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice: have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not thy face far from me, put not thy servant away in anger: thou hast been my help;

Leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path.

I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall

strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION THIRD.

Psalm 36.

THY mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens;

And thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains;

Thy judgments are a great deep.

How excellent is thy loving kindness, O God!

Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

They shall be abundantly satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house;

And thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

For with thee is the fountain of life:

In thy light shall we see light.

Oh, continue thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee;

And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

Psalm 19.

THE heavens declare the glory of God;

And the firmament sheweth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language, and their voice is not heard.

Yet their sound is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it:

And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul:

The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart:

The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever;

The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold;

Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

Moreover by them is thy servant warned;

And in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors?

Cleanse thou me from secret faults.

Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me.

Then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight,

O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION FOURTH.

Psalm 23.

THE Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's *sake.*

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 34.

I WILL bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

The poor man cries, and the Lord hears him, and saves him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry.

The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.

The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION FIFTH.

Psalm 24.

THE earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? and who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not inclined his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory? the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors; and the King *of glory shall come in.*

Who is this King of glory? the Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Psalm 25.

UNTO thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed.

Let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause.

Show me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.

Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; in thee do I trust all the day.

Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses: for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions.

According to thy mercy remember thou me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord.

Good and upright is the Lord: therefore will he teach sinners in the way.

The meek will he guide in

judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.

What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him: and he will show them his covenant.

Mine eyes are ever toward the Lord; for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted.

Lighten the sorrows of my heart: O bring thou me out of my distresses.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain; and forgive all my sins.

O keep my soul, and deliver me: let me not be ashamed; for I put my trust in thee.

Let integrity and uprightness preserve me; for I wait on thee.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION SIXTH.

Psalm 30.

I WILL extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast lifted me up.

O Lord my God, I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the tomb.

Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

For his anger endureth but a moment, but his favor for life;

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me: Lord, be thou my helper.

O Lord my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

Psalm 31.

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust: deliver me in thy righteousness.

Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be thou my strong rock, for an house of defence to save me.

For thou art my rock and my fortress; therefore for thy name's sake lead me, and guide me.

O, how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou showest to them that trust in thee.

Thou hidest them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man; thou shelterest them in thy pavilion from the strife of tongues.

Blessed be the Lord: for he hath showed me his marvellous kindness in a strong city.

O love the Lord, all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.

Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

Psalm 32.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven, *whose sin is covered.*

Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid.

I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore shall every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayst be found: surely in the floods of great waters they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my hiding-place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble: thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

Many sorrows shall be to the wicked: but he that trusteth in the Lord, mercy shall compass him about.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION SEVENTH.

PSALM 33.

REJOICE in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

The word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he layeth up the deep in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast.

The Lord bringeth the counsel of the nations to naught; he maketh the devices of the kingdoms of none effect.

The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.

The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men.

From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth.

He fashioneth the hearts of all; he observeth all their works.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy;

To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waiteth on the Lord: he is our help and our shield.

For our heart rejoices in him; we trust in his holy name.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION EIGHTH.

Psalm 40.

I WAITED patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God:

Many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

Blessed is that man that maketh the Lord his trust, and resorteth not to men of pride and falsehood.

Many, O Lord my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done; many are thy gracious thoughts toward us;

If we would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; so hast thou taught me.

Burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required.

I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

I have preached righteousness in the great congregation:

Lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest.

I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation:

I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord:

Let thy loving-kindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

For innumerable evils have compassed me about: mine iniquities have taken hold upon me, so that I am not able to look up;

They are more than the hairs of mine head: therefore my heart faileth me.

Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee:

Let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me:

Thou art my help and my deliverer: make no tarrying, O my God.

Psalm 42.

As the hart panteth after the water-brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me:

For I have gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holy-day.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God:

For I shall yet praise him; him, my deliverer and my God.

Deep calleth unto deep with the roar of thy cataracts: all thy waves and thy billows have gone over me.

Yet the Lord will command his loving-kindness in the day-time, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION NINTH.

Psalm 1.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord: and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm 15.

LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that slandereth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, and uttereth no reproach against his neighbor.

In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoreth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh a bribe against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall never fall.

Psalm 37.

FRET not thyself because of evil doers, neither be thou envious of those who work iniquity.

For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.

Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall give thee success.

And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

For the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked.

The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.

Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

The mouth of the righteous speaketh wisdom, and his tongue talketh of judgment.

The law of his God is in his heart; none of his steps shall slide.

Wait on the Lord, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee:

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace.

The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord: he is their strength in the time of trouble.

And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them:

He shall deliver them, and save them, because they trust in him.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION TENTH.

Psalm 46.

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy dwelling-place of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Be still, and know that I am God: I am exalted among the heathen, I am exalted in the earth.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Psalm 48.

GREAT is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

We remember thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.

As thy name, O God, so extends thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness.

Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments.

Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof.

Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces.

For this God is our God for ever and ever:

He will be our guide even unto death.

Psalm 50.

THE mighty God, even the Lord, speaks, and calls the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines.

Our God comes, and does not keep silence: a fire devours before him, and a tempest rages around him.

He calls to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I will admonish thee: I am God, even thy God.

I will take no bullock out of thy house, nor he-goats out of thy folds.

For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills.

I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine.

If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High:

And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION ELEVENTH.

Psalm 51.

HAVE mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness:

According unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have

I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:

So that thou art justified when thou speakest, and upright when thou judgest.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward heart: teach me, therefore, wisdom in my inmost soul.

Purge me as with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt-offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Psalm 55.

GIVE ear to my prayer, O God; hide not thyself from my supplication.

My heart is sore pained within me; and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

O that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

But yet I will call upon God: and the Lord shall save me.

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee:

He shall never suffer those who seek him to fall.

Psalm 57.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee:

Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.

I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me.

He shall send from heaven,

and save me: God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise.

Awake, my soul; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake early.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people: I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION TWELFTH.

Psalm 61.

HEAR my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer.

From the end of the earth I cry unto thee, for my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For thou art my shelter, and a strong tower from the enemy.

I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings.

For thou, O God, wilt hear my vows, and give me the heritage of those that fear thy name.

Psalm 62.

TRULY my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him.

He only is my rock and my salvation: he is my defence; I shall not be moved.

In God is my salvation and my glory; the rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God.

Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.

PSALM 63.

O GOD, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my heart longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

Because thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

Thus will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul shall be satisfied; and my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips:

When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night-watches.

Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.

My soul followeth after thee: thy right hand upholdeth me.

PSALM 66.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands:

Sing forth the honor of his name: make his praise glorious.

All the earth shall worship thee, and shall sing unto thee; it shall celebrate thy name.

Come and see the works of God: he is wonderful in his doing toward the children of men.

He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard:

Which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For thou, O God, hast proved us: thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, which hath

not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION THIRTEENTH.

Psalm 65.

PRAISE waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion:

And unto thee shall the vow be performed.

O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

My iniquities are heavy upon me; but thou wilt forgive our transgressions.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts.

O, satisfy us with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

By wonderful things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation;

Who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

Who in thy strength makest fast the mountains, being girded with power:

Who stillest the noise of the seas, the noise of their waves, and the tumult of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are awed by thy wonders:

Thou makest the regions of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it: thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water:

Thou preparest corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly: thou settlest the furrows thereof:

Thou makest it soft with showers: thou blessest the springing thereof.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness; and the little hills rejoice on every side.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered with corn:

They shout for joy; they also sing.

Psalm 67.

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us;

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

O, let the nations be glad and sing for joy:

For thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION FOURTEENTH.

Psalm 69.

SAVE me, O God; for the waters are come in unto my soul.

I will offer my prayer unto thee, O Lord: O God, in the greatness of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

Deliver me, and let me not sink: let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

Let not the water-flood overflow me, neither let the deep swallow me up, and let not the grave shut her mouth upon me.

Hear me, O Lord; for thy loving-kindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble: hear me speedily.

Draw nigh unto my soul,

and redeem it: deliver me from all mine enemies.

For I am poor and sorrowful: let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

Psalm 70.

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let them be ashamed that seek after my soul: let them be turned backward that desire my hurt.

But let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

But I am poor and needy; make haste unto me, O God: thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no delay.

Psalm 71.

IN thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be put to shame.

Deliver me in thy goodness, and cause me to escape: incline thine ear to me, and save me.

Be thou my strong habitation, where I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

For thou art my hope, O Lord God: thou art my trust from my youth.

By thee have I been holden up ever since I was born; my praise shall be continually of thee.

Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honor all the day.

Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.

For I will hope continually, and will yet praise thee more and more.

My mouth shall show forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for thy mercies are more than I can number.

I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

Also when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not; until I have showed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to those that are to come.

My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION FIFTEENTH.

Psalm 84.

HOW lovely are thy dwellings, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Even the sparrow hath found an house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, by thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: they are still praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee: in whose heart are thy ways.

Passing through the valley of sorrow they make it full of fountains, and the latter rain covers it with blessings.

They go from strength to strength, till all of them in Zion appear before God.

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear, O God of Jacob.

Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Psalm 86.

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, hear me: for I am poor and needy.

Preserve my soul; O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I cry unto thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant: for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplication.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee: for thou wilt answer me.

Among the gods there is none like unto thee, O Lord;

Neither are there any works like unto thy works.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things: thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord: I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart:

And I will glorify thy name for evermore.

But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

O, turn unto me, and have mercy upon me; give thy strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thine handmaid.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION SIXTEENTH.

Psalm 85.

LORD, thou hast been favorable unto thy land:

Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people; thou hast covered all their sin.

Wilt thou not revive us

again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his servants: but let them not turn again to folly.

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him; and shall set us in the way of his steps.

Psalm 89.

I WILL sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I know that thy mercy endureth for ever: thy truth shalt thou establish like the very heavens.

And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Lord:

Thy truth also in the congregation of the holy.

For who in the heaven can be compared unto the Lord?

Who among the sons of God can be likened unto the Lord?

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him.

O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee? or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea:

When the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine: as for the world, and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

Justice and judgment are the foundation of thy throne:

Mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

In thy name shall they re-

joice all the day: and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

For thou art the glory of their strength; and in thy favor our heads shall be exalted.

For the Lord is our defence; And the Holy One of Israel is our King.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION SEVENTEENTH.

Psalm 39.

LORD, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am.

Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity.

Surely every man walketh like a shadow: surely he disquieteth himself in vain:

He heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

What then, O Lord, is my hope? my hope is in thee.

Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish.

I am dumb, I open not my mouth; because thou hast done it.

Remove thy stroke away from me: I perish by the blow of thine hand.

When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity, thou consumest his beauty like a moth:

Surely every man is vanity.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears: for I am a stranger with thee and a sojourner, as all my fathers were.

O, spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and be no more.

Psalm 90.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst

formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest him away as with a flood; he is as a dream;

He is like grass which groweth up in the morning.

In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

We spend our years as a tale that is told.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Return to us, O Lord, and let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

O, satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us;

Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION EIGHTEENTH.

Psalm 91.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings

shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror of the night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Because thou hast made the Lord thy refuge, and the Most High thy habitation;

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

Psalm 92.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High.

To show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.

For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God;

To show that the Lord is upright: he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION NINETEENTH.

Psalm 95.

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord:

Let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land.

O, come, let us worship and bow down:

Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God;

And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm 96.

O SING unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Sing unto the Lord, bless his name; shew forth his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people.

For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised: he is to be feared above all gods.

Honor and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come into his courts.

O, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth.

Say among the heathen that the Lord reigneth: the world also shall be established that it shall not be moved:

He shall judge the people righteously.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof.

Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein:

Then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth:

He shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION TWENTIETH.

Psalm 97.

THE Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice;

Let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him:

Righteousness and judgment are the foundation of his throne.

His lightnings illumine the world; the earth sees, and trembles.

The hills melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

Ye that love the Lord, hate evil: he preserveth the souls of his saints; he delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous, and gladness for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous; and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.

Psalm 98.

O, SING unto the Lord a new song: for he hath done marvellous things:

His right hand, and his holy arm, hath gotten him the victory.

The Lord hath made known his salvation:

His righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the nations.

He hath remembered his mercy and his truth toward the house of Israel:

All the ends of the earth

have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth:

Make a loud noise, and rejoice and sing praise.

Sing unto the Lord with the voice of a psalm, make a joyful noise before the Lord, the King.

Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

Let the floods clap their hands:

Let the hills be joyful together before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth:

With righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION TWENTY-FIRST.

Psalm 100.

MAKE a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Psalm 103.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION TWENTY-SECOND.

Psalm 104.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honor and majesty.

He covereth himself with light as with a garment; he spreadeth out the heavens like a curtain:

He layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: he maketh the clouds his chariot: he walketh upon the wings of the wind:

He maketh the winds his angels; flames of fire his ministers.

He laid the foundations of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever.

Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

The mountains rise up; the valleys sink away, in the places which thou hast appointed for them.

Thou hast set a bound that the waters may not pass; that they turn not again to cover the earth.

Thou sendest the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.

Near them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

Thou waterest the hills from thy chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

Thou causest the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that thou mayest bring forth food out of the earth:

And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

The trees of the Lord are full of sap: the cedars of Lebanon which he hath planted;

He appointeth the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth when to go down.

Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labor until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

So is this great and wide sea, wherein are things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

These wait all upon thee, to give them their meat in due season.

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled; thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.

Thou givest it to them, they gather it; thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

The glory of the Lord shall endure for ever: the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION TWENTY-THIRD.

Psalm 107.

O, GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he

delivered them out of their distresses.

And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

For he satisfieth the thirsty soul, and filleth the hungry soul with good.

He hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters;

These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they are quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

O that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men!

Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the water springs into dry ground;

A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into water-springs.

And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation;

And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they

shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION TWENTY-FOURTH.

Psalm 105.

O, GIVE thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.

Sing unto him, sing psalms unto him: talk ye of all his wondrous works.

Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

Remember his marvellous works that he hath done; his wonders, and the judgments of his mouth;

When our fathers were but a few in number; yea, very few, and strangers in the land.

When they went from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people;

He suffered no man to do them wrong: yea, he reproved kings for their sakes;

Saying, Touch not mine anointed, and do my prophets no harm.

And he increased his people greatly; and made them stronger than their enemies.

He spread a cloud for a covering: and fire to give light in the night.

The people asked, and he satisfied them with the bread of heaven.

And he brought them forth with joy, and his chosen with gladness:

And gave them the lands of the nations, and they inherited the labor of the people;

That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws.

Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm 111.

I WILL praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honorable and glorious:

And his righteousness endureth for ever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered:

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him: he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath showed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are truth and justice; all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.

He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever:

Holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments:

His praise endureth for ever.

Psalm 112.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness: he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

Happy is the man who showeth favor, and lendeth: he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Surely he shall not be moved for ever: the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

His heart is established, he shall not be afraid.

He hath dispersed, he hath given to the poor; his righteousness endureth for ever;

He shall be exalted with honor.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION TWENTY-FIFTH.

Psalm 118.

O, GIVE thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let Israel now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the house of Aaron now say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

Let them now that fear the Lord say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and delivered me.

The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes.

The Lord is my strength and song, and is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous:

The right hand of the Lord doeth wonderfully.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord:

This is the gate of the Lord, into which the righteous shall enter.

I will praise thee: for thou hast heard me, and art become my salvation.

The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

Thou art my God, and I will praise thee: thou art my God, I will exalt thee.

O, give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION TWENTY-SIXTH.

Psalm 119.

BLESSED are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his commandments, and that seek him with the whole heart.

Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

I will keep thy statutes: O, forsake me not utterly.

With my whole heart have I sought thee: O, let me not wander from thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes.

Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

I am a stranger in the earth: hide not thy commandments from me.

My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

I have declared my ways, and thou hast heard me: teach me thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

Incline my heart unto thy

testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

So shall I keep thy law continually for ever and ever.

And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word.

Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.

My lips shall utter praise, when thou hast taught me thy statutes.

My tongue shall speak of thy word: for all thy commandments are righteousness.

Let thine hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts.

I have longed for thy salvation, O Lord; and thy law is my delight.

Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy judgments help me.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION TWENTY-SEVENTH.

Psalm 113.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high,

Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth?

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, and lifteth the needy out of the ground;

That he may set him with

princes, even with the princes of his people.

Psalm 116.

I LOVE the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

The sorrows of death compassed me, and the pains of the grave seized upon me; I found trouble and sorrow.

Then called I upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

I will offer to him the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

In the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord.

Psalm 130.

OUT of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee, that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION TWENTY-EIGHTH.

PSALM 121.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.

PSALM 122.

I WAS glad when they said unto me, Let us go into *the house of the* Lord.

Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is builded anew; a city that is at unity in itself;

Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, after the custom of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.

For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.

Because of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek thy good.

PSALMS 123, 125.

UNTO thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellest in the heavens.

Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes

of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress;

So our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until he have mercy upon us.

They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.

As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth, even for ever.

Do good, O Lord, unto those that be good, and to them that are upright in heart.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION TWENTY-NINTH.

Psalm 138.

I WILL praise thee with my whole heart: before the gods will I sing praise unto thee.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth.

In the day when I cried, thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me:

The Lord will be sufficient for me: thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever: forsake not the work of thine own hands.

Psalm 139.

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy

Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in the grave, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day:

The darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:

Marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unformed; and in thy book was every thing written;

My days were appointed when as yet there was none of them.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION THIRTIETH.

Psalm 145.

I WILL extol thee, my God, O King; and I will bless thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation shall praise

thy works to another, and shall declare thy mighty acts.

I will speak of the glorious honor of thy majesty, and of thy wondrous works.

And men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts: and I will declare thy greatness.

They shall abundantly utter the memory of thy great goodness, and shall sing of thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion, slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all, and his tender mercies are over all his works.

All thy works shall praise thee, O Lord; and thy saints shall bless thee.

They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power;

To make known to the sons of men thy mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of thy kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways, and holy in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him: he also will hear their cry, and will save them.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Psalm 147.

PRAISE ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant; and praise is comely.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion.

For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy bor-

ders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth; his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool: he scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels: who can stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the Lord.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION THIRTY-FIRST.

PSALM 44.

WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what deeds thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

How thou didst drive out the nations with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, neither did their own arm save them;

But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst a favor unto them.

PSALM 78.

GIVE ear, O my people, to my speech: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old:

What we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.

For he established statutes, and appointed a law, which he commanded our fathers

to make known to their children:

That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born: who should declare them to their children:

That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

Psalm 80.

TURN us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out nations and planted it.

Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars.

It sent out its boughs unto the sea, and its branches unto the river.

Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine;

And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.

So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION THIRTY-SECOND.

HEAR, O heavens, and give ear, O earth:

For the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me.

To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the Lord: I am full of the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts;

And I delight not in the

blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats.

When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?

Bring no more vain oblations: incense is an abomination unto me;

The new moons and sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.

Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

Wash you, make you clean: put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil:

Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty.

The lofty looks of man shall be humbled and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

For the day of the Lord of hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low:

And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be made low: and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which he hath made for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats;

To go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of

the ragged rocks, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION THIRTY-THIRD.

O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortest me.

Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the Lord is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

Praise the Lord, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted.

Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth.

Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth the truth may enter in.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord is everlasting strength:

The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

O Lord our God, other lords besides thee have had dominion over us; but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants, the prophets.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION THIRTY-FOURTH.

COME near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people; let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our law-giver, the Lord is our King; he will save us.

O Lord of hosts, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth.

Incline thine ear, O Lord, and hear; open thine eyes, O Lord, and see: and hear all our words.

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

For thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, and thou wilt take away the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.

Thou wilt swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces, and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from

off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it.

Thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

When the poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst, I the Lord will hear them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them.

I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight.

These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them.

For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength:

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with you: And this shall be the covenant that I will make with you;

I will put my law in your inward parts, and write it in your hearts; and will be your God, and you shall be my people.

And you shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord:

For you shall all know me, from the least of you unto the greatest of you, saith the Lord: for I will forgive your iniquity, and I will remember your sin no more.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION THIRTY-FIFTH.

LET every one that thirsteth come to the waters, and let him that hath no money come, buy and eat;

Yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labor for that which satisfieth not?

Hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in goodness.

Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you.

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him, saith the Lord. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the Lord.

Give glory to the Lord your God, before he cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION THIRTY-SIXTH.

AWAKE, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city.

Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old.

O Lord, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou our arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory.

Doubtless thou art our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not:

Thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.

Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear;

But our iniquities have separated between us and our God, and our sins have hid his face from us, that he will not hear.

For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us:

But now, O Lord, thou art our Father, we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we are all the work of thy hand.

Be not wroth very sore, O Lord, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, we are all thy people.

I will mention the loving-kindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses.

Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is the house that ye build unto me? and where is the place of my rest?

For all those things hath my hand made, but to him will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

They shall not hunger nor thirst, neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that

hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head:

They shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION THIRTY-SEVENTH.

COME ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord;

And he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths.

He shall judge among the nations, and govern the people; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks.

Nation shall not lift up the sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O my people, come, and let us walk in the light of the Lord;

Until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness be a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest.

Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field.

And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever.

And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting-places.

They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

Moreover, the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days.

Ye shall have a song, as in the night when a holy solemnity is kept; and gladness of

heart, as when one goeth into the mountain of the Lord to the Mighty One of Israel.

And therefore will the Lord wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you:

For the Lord is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION THIRTY-EIGHTH.

THE people that walked in darkness have seen a great light:

They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder:

And his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever.

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord;

And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears.

But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth:

And he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain:

For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them;

And the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice, even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon:

They shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God.

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert.

And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water:

And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called, The way of holiness: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads:

They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

SELECTION THIRTY-NINTH.

COMFORT ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain:

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry?

All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field:

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, when the breath of the Lord bloweth over it.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, the isles are like flying stubble.

All nations before him are as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity.

To whom, then, will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers: that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.

To whom, then, will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host in order:

He calleth them all by names, by the greatness of his might, because he is strong in power:

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? his understanding is unsearchable.

He giveth power to the faint; and to the feeble abundant strength.

Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God,

Be honor and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

TE DEUM.

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens, and all the powers therein.

To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the apostles praise thee.

The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs praise thee.

The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee,

The Father of an infinite majesty;

And Jesus as thy well-beloved Son.

Thou art the Holy Spirit, the Comforter;

Thou art the King of glory, O God;

Thou art the everlasting One, the Father.

Thou didst not suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

Thou gavest him the victory over Sin and Death;

And openest the Kingdom of heaven to all the faithful;

And callest us thither by the Spirit of adoption.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants whom thou hast redeemed in thy boundless love.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people, and bless thy heritage;

Govern them, and lift them up for ever.

Day by day we magnify thee;

And we worship thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have we trusted, let us never be confounded.

CANTICLES.

I.

BLESSED be the Lord God of ages, who never ceaseth to draw more nigh.

His voice in the morning of the world was heard from afar: in the evening he speaketh at the door, and entereth to abide with us for ever.

Manifold are thy witnesses, O God, and the angels of thine invisible presence: else had we never known thee.

Though thou unsealest the light for all that lives, and lookest through the doors of the shadow of death;

Though thou causest the day-spring to know its place, and sayest to the sea, "Here shall thy proud waves be stayed;"

Though thou seest the end from the beginning, and weavest the ages as a work upon the loom:

Yet lo! thou goest by us, and we see thee not: thou passest on also, and we perceive thee not.

For the days of man are passed, like the swift ships; and his line reacheth not to thee, Eternal.

Till thou didst look for him upon the earth, he was not; and when thou sayest, "Return," he is no more.

But thy years are countless as the stars; from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.

Hadst thou not remembered our low estate, and bent to us with thy testimonies from of old,

We had been in darkness and the shadow of death, and the light of thy countenance had been hid.

But the firmament declareth thy glory, the prophets proclaim thy judgments;

The righteous wonder at thy law in their heart, and the songs of Zion make melody to thee.

Lo! these are a part of thy mercies; yet how little a portion is heard of thee!

Blessed be the dawn of thy everlasting light: the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Glory be to God most high, the ever-blessed Father,

Who is and was and shall be, world without end. Amen.

II.

I WAS glad when my companions said unto me, Come, it is our holy day;

Let us go into the house of the Lord: let us take sweet counsel together;

Let our feet stand within his gates, and heart and voice give thanks unto him.

Blessed be the temple hallowed by his name: pray for peace within its walls,

Peace to young and old that enter there, peace to every soul abiding therein.

For friends' and brethren's sake, I will never cease to say, Peace be within thee!

What though for Him who filleth heaven and earth, there can be no dwelling made with hands;

What though his way is in the deep, and his knowledge too wonderful for us, and before him we are as children that cannot speak:

Yet, touched by the altar's living glow, we learn, as an infant, to lisp his name;

And try the wings that beat for his refuge, and flee as a bird to the mountain.

O Lord, when we cry unto thee from the deep, and wait for thee as they that wait for the morning,

Thou wilt have regard to our entreaty: the sigh of the lowly thou wilt not despise.

Not long, O Lord, shall we feel after thee in these courts below; not long wilt thou hearken to these faltering lips.

Our fathers thou hast called to thy higher praise; and gathered to their fathers must all the children be.

Let the dead and living praise thee, O God, above, below; let all the generations praise thee.

Let the glorified company of the first-born, whose names are in the book of life;

Let angels in the height praise thee, who dwellest in the heavens;

Let thy Church on earth praise thee, the delight of whose Wisdom is in the children of men.

O House of the Lord's praise, peace be to them that love thee!

Glory be to God most High, the ever-blessed Father,

Who is and was and shall be, world without end. Amen.

III.

SING no more the song of Moses, lift on high the song of the Lamb;

For the former things have passed away, and heaven and earth have become new.

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thy children refused to be gathered;

But a Zion of heavenly pattern descends, whose builder and maker is God.

The tabernacle of God is with men: he dwelleth not in temples made with hands.

The temple of our holy Jerusalem are the Lord God himself and the Lamb:

They are the light that lighten it, though sun and moon should fail.

All day its gates are open, and no night shuts the way of mercy.

Come to the river of God in the midst: to him that is athirst he giveth of its living waters freely.

Come to the tree of life, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations.

Blessed be the Lord that draweth nigh, and openeth deep things of the Spirit to them that love him;

And calleth the kingdoms of this world to be the kingdoms of our God and of his Christ.

Now unto the God of grace, for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ,

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

IV.

HOLY is thy name, O God, and glorious in the heavens.

Thou art the one true God, and there is none other like thee.

Thou hast visited and redeemed thy people, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom we have access to thy throne of grace, as children to the presence of a father.

In him did the fulness of thy Spirit dwell, that he might impart thereof to all mankind.

Though tempted as we are, he sinned not; neither was guile found in his mouth.

In him was thy Word made flesh, to be a word of life to all the earth.

He became obedient to the

death of the cross, that he might perfect thy will concerning us;

And having passed through death to life, hath entered into his rest and glory.

O God, for the sake of thy dear love in him, make us, we beseech thee, of thy kingdom.

To the Only Holy, the First and the Last, be thanksgiving and praise,

From all kindreds and tongues on earth, and the voices of saints in heaven. Amen.

V.

LO! at length the True Light, — light for every man born into the world;

Kindling the face of them that receive it, till they become the sons of God.

Cease, blinding glories of the heavens, which none could see and live!

Cease, gross darkness of the earth, where the righteous put forth their hands, and fear!

The veil between is taken away, and the mingling day-spring comes;

No longer is the dwelling of Eternal Life too bright above, and the perishable world too dark below.

The Son of God hath dwelt among us, full of grace and truth;

The Son of Man hath gone up on high, made perfect through suffering for the holy of holies.

He is our peace, giving us access by one spirit to the Father;

No more strangers and exiles, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

O Lord Almighty, we had said of thee, "Thy thoughts are not as our thoughts;"

But thou hast looked on us as with the pity of a man, and raised us to think the thoughts of God.

We had said, "Our righteousness reacheth not unto thee, or to the holy ones of thy presence;"

But thou hast made one family, there and here; one living communion of seen and unseen.

We had said, "Thou layest men fast in everlasting sleep;" but, lo! they sleep into everlasting waking.

Blessed be the Lord God, that giveth beauty for ashes; and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Now unto the God of grace, for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ,

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Benedictus.

Luke i. 68.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people,

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us, in the house of his servant David:

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, and to remember his holy covenant;

That we might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness, all the days of our life;

To give knowledge of salvation unto his people, for the remission of their sins,

Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us,

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Now unto the God of grace for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ,

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Nunc Dimittis.

Luke ii. 29.

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Now unto the God of grace, for the might of his Spirit and the love of Christ,

Be glory in the Church throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

FIRST ORDER OF PRAYER.

O LORD, show thy mercy upon us;
And grant us thy salvation.
O Lord, make clean our hearts within us;
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

O GOD, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: grant us, thy servants, we humbly beseech thee, that peace which the world can neither give nor take away; that we, who in all our dangers rely on thy goodness, may, under thy fatherly protection, be defended against all adversities, and evermore rejoice in thy blessed service. *Amen.*

O LORD, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: defend us in the same with thy mighty power: and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thee, may be righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Lord of lords and King of kings, most heartily do we beseech thee to look with favor upon our beloved country. So replenish this people with the grace of thy Holy Spirit that they may always incline to thy will and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts. By escaping from the bondage of sin may they become free indeed.

By brotherly love and the practice of righteousness may they become truly exalted among the nations, and be known as a people whose God is the Lord. And may the blessings of peace, good order, and national union more and more abound. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, send down on all ministers of the gospel, and on all congregations committed to their

charge, the healthful spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. *Amen.*

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldst be pleased to make thy ways known to them, thy saving health to all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess to be Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. We commend to thy fatherly goodness all who are in any ways afflicted in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. *Amen.*

FATHER of all mercies, we give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and the hope of glory. We beseech thee to give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful; and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, fulfil now, we pray thee, the desires and petitions of thy people, according to thy perfect wisdom and goodness; granting us, in this world, knowledge of thy truth; and, in the world to come, life everlasting.

Unto thee, God and Father of all, blessed for ever, be glory given through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECOND ORDER OF PRAYER.

O GOD, our heavenly Father, who didst send thy Son, not to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved; have mercy upon us.

O Lord, hear us, have mercy upon us, and by thy Holy Spirit sanctify our hearts.

Remember not, Lord, our offences, but forgive our sins, and spare us, for thy great love to us in Jesus Christ.

Forgive us, O God, our sins, which we humbly confess to thee.

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the assaults of temptation; from all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness; from all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceitful allurements of this transitory world;

O Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle and murder; and from death unprepared for;

O Lord, deliver us.

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and commandments;

O Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment;

O Lord, deliver us.

We beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church in the right way, and to illuminate all ministers of the gospel with true knowledge and understanding of thy word; and that, both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth and show it accordingly;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to endue the President of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth, the judges and magistrates, and all others in authority, with wisdom and understanding; giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to bless all colleges and schools; all instructors of youth; and all means of true knowledge, virtue, and piety;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy word, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred and are deceived; to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to give us victory over all temptations;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation; to preserve all who travel by land or by water, all sick persons and young children; to defend and provide for the fatherless children and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men, to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

We beseech thee to hear us.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance, to forgive us all our sins, and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit; to amend our lives according to thy holy word.

Forgive us, O Lord our God, and deal not with us after our sins, neither reward us after our iniquities.

We humbly beseech thee O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities, and, for the glory of thy name, turn from us all those evils which we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory. *Amen.*

THIRD ORDER OF PRAYER.

O THOU who didst in the beginning command the light to shine out of darkness: shine now in our hearts, and give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ; establish us in him and in the truth of his gospel.

Seal us thine, O Lord; and give us the earnest of thy Spirit in our hearts.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort, who comforteth us in all our tribulation: give us grace and peace.

Confirm us unto the end, that we may be blameless in the day of the Lord.

Thou, O Lord, wilt bring to light the things of darkness, and make manifest the counsels of all hearts. Thy Spirit searcheth all things. Help us to renounce the hidden things of dishonesty, and to speak sincerely, as of God, and as in the sight of God.

Take away, O Lord, the vail from our hearts; and let the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine upon us.

May we not walk in darkness, nor handle the word of God deceitfully; may we justly judge ourselves, that we may not be judged; may we keep under our body, and bring it into subjection; may we watch, quit us like men, and be strong; and, having the spirit of faith, may we believe, and therefore speak.

Grant, O Lord, that we faint not; but though our outward man perish, may our inward man be renewed day by day.

May our light afflictions, which are but for a moment, work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen and temporal, but at the things unseen and eternal.

Reveal to us, O Lord, by thy Spirit, the things that eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived.

May we be enriched by thee with all utterance and with all knowledge; may we be perfectly joined together in the same mind; may we be perfect; may we be of good comfort; may we live in peace.

May the God of love and peace be with us.

May we abide in faith and hope and charity; knowing that, without charity, all gifts are vain. In the spirit of love, may we suffer long, and be kind; may we envy not, nor be puffed up; may we not selfishly seek our own good, nor be easily provoked; may we think no evil, and rejoice not in iniquity, but rejoice in the truth; may we steadfastly hope and believe, that, in due time, we shall see, not through a glass darkly, but face to face, knowing even as we shall be known.

May we follow after charity, and earnestly desire thy spiritual gifts.

Through faith in immortality, may we overcome the fear of death, looking with assurance of hope for the better life, which shall be honorable, glorious, and incorruptible; not desiring to be unclothed of this mortal life, but to be clothed in heavenly raiment, that death may be swallowed up of life.

May we lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and run with patience the race that is set before us.

Help us to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, not being entangled with any yoke of bondage; knowing that the kingdom of God is not meat or drink, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

May we be zealously affected always for that which is good.

Help us to show the fruits of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance.

If we live in the Spirit, may we also walk in the Spirit.

As we have opportunity, help us to do good to all men, and especially to those who are of the household of faith; to bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ; to crucify the flesh, with its affections and lusts; to sow to the Spirit, and of the Spirit to reap life everlasting; and not to be weary in well-doing, believing that we shall in due season reap, if we faint not.

O God of peace and love, be with us always; forgive us our sins, and keep us in thy holy ways evermore. Amen.

FOURTH ORDER OF PRAYER.

GIVE ear, O Lord, unto our prayer;

And attend unto the voice of our supplications.

Not as we would, but as we can, we bring our offerings. Let thy mercy be upon us.

Graciously hear and accept, O Lord, our heavenly Father, the petitions of our hearts; and grant us thy mercy, according to our great need and thine exceeding fulness.

O God, who art ever good and merciful, save us, we beseech thee, from wandering thoughts, low desires, and vain imaginations, and from the waste of our time and neglect of thy warnings. Save us from idle words and corrupt communications; from an impatient and discontented mind; from hatred and wrath; from all selfishness, uncharitableness, and deadly sin.

Save us, we beseech thee, O Lord.

Grant to us to be poor in spirit, that ours may be the kingdom of heaven; give to us godly sorrow and mourning for sin, that we may be comforted; meekness, that we may inherit the earth; hunger and thirst after righteousness, that we may be filled. Grant unto us to be merciful, that we may obtain mercy; to be pure in heart, that we may see God; to be peace-makers, that we may be called the children of God; and to be patient in all suffering, that our reward may be great in heaven.

May we let our light so shine before men, that they may see our good works, and glorify thee.

If any brother hath aught against us, may we first be reconciled, before we bring our offerings to thee.

And may we forgive any who wrong us, as we hope to be forgiven.

May we not chiefly desire to lay up earthly treasures, but rather treasures in heaven.

May we not be anxious about the morrow, but trust in thee.

May we earnestly strive to enter in at the strait gate, and to go in the narrow way that leadeth unto life.

So we pray, O Father, that we may hear and do thy word, that in the storm and tempest, our house may stand.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, keep and defend us for ever.

O God, by whose spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified, receive our supplications for thy holy Church, that every member of the same in his vocation and ministry may truly and faithfully serve thee. Give wisdom also to our rulers and magistrates, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way; and grant thy blessing to all schools and teachers, that knowledge, virtue, and piety may increase and be established among us.

Graciously hear us, O Lord God.

Show thy mercy, O Lord, to all men; be a friend to the poor and friendless, and a father to fatherless children; be a guide and defence to all travellers by land and by water; enlighten the ignorant; comfort the afflicted; bless our friends and benefactors, and bless our enemies.

And fill the whole world with thy truth, mercy, and love.

Kindly preserve us, O God, from temporal danger and bodily pain. May we temperately enjoy the fruits of the earth in their season. Supply our wants according to thy wisdom, and grant that we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal.

O Lord, let thy mercy be shown upon us, as we do put our trust in thee.

O God, heavenly Father, from whom all good things do come, we thank thee for life and all its blessings, for religion and all its consolations, hopes, and joys. We thank thee for the gospel of glad tidings proclaimed by thy Son, Jesus Christ; for Christian faith and Christian fellowship. Grant us thy grace, that we may be truly grateful; that we may constantly serve thee on earth, and at last may be found meet to be partakers with the saints in light. Amen.

FIFTH ORDER OF PRAYER.

O THOU, of whom, and through whom, and to whom are all things, help us with one mind and one mouth to glorify thee, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

O Thou, who art the God of patience and consolation, grant us to be like-minded one toward another in the spirit of Jesus.

O Thou, who art the God of hope, fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

May we be full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

May we be made free from sin, and become servants unto God, and have our fruit unto holiness and everlasting life.

May we ever remember that every one must give account of himself to God.

May we follow after the things that make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

May those that are strong bear the infirmities of the weak.

Save us from being conformed to this world; from thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think; from being wise in our own conceit; and from being overcome of evil.

Enable us rather to overcome evil with good.

If we have at any time held the truth in unrighteousness; if, knowing thee, we have not glorified thee as God, nor been thankful; if we have perverted thy truth to serve as the cover of wrong; if we have worshipped the creature more than the Creator, —

Forgive us, we beseech thee, O our Father in heaven.

If we have not liked to retain thee in our thoughts; if we have despised thy goodness, forbearance, and long-suffering; if our hearts have been impenitent and hard; if we have dishonored thee by breaking thy law, —

Forgive us, we beseech thee, our Father in heaven.

May the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus make us free from the law of sin and death, so that we shall walk, not after the flesh, but after the spirit. May we not receive the spirit of bondage,

which causeth to fear; but the spirit of adoption, whereby we call thee Father.

Being led by thy Spirit, may we become thy children.

May nothing separate us from the love of Christ; neither tribulation, nor distress, nor persecution, nor famine, nor nakedness, nor peril, nor the sword;

In all these, may we be more than conquerors through Him who has loved us.

May neither death nor life, nor angels nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any creature, separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus.

May nothing separate us from thy love.

May we confess with our mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in our heart that God has raised him from the dead;

May we believe with our heart unto righteousness, and confess with our mouth unto salvation.

We beseech thee, heavenly Father, that we may be enabled to present our bodies a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to thee, being transformed by the renewing of our mind.

Whether we live, may we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, may we die unto the Lord.

May our love be without dissimulation; may we abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good; be kindly affectioned one toward another; not slothful in business, fervent in spirit; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessities of our brethren, given to hospitality.

May we rejoice with those that rejoice, and weep with those that weep.

May we render unto all their dues.

May we love our neighbor as ourselves.

May we cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light.

Awaken us, O Lord, from our sleep.

Now unto Him that has power to establish us according to the gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ;

To God only wise, be glory for ever. Amen.

SIXTH ORDER OF PRAYER.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give: that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments; and also that by thee, we, being defended in every hour of danger, may pass our time in rest and quietness.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all peril and danger.

O God, the Father of lights, in whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning, from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift: we ask for wisdom of thee, who givest to all men liberally.

May we ask in faith, nothing wavering; but believing that, if we draw nigh to thee, thou wilt draw nigh to us.

O Almighty God, who canst not be tempted with evil, neither temptest any man, we confess that we are drawn away of our own lusts, and enticed; but we beseech thee, *our Father,* who art pitiful and of tender mercy, and who givest grace to the humble, to hear our prayer, and raise us up. If we have committed sins; if we have known to do good, and have done it not; if we have been hearers only of the word, and not doers also, deceiving our own selves, —

Forgive us, O God, and save us.

May we not have the faith of Jesus Christ with respect of persons; may we not despise the poor; may we not have faith without works, which is dead, but show our faith by our works. Laying aside all that is impure, may we receive with meekness the ingrafted word, which is able to save our souls.

Help us to look into the perfect law of liberty, and continue therein; and so to receive the crown of life which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Give us, O Lord, the wisdom from above, which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

O thou who art Light, in whom is no darkness at all, may we walk in the light, and have fellowship with thee.

O thou who art Love, may we dwell in love, that we may dwell in thee; may our love be made perfect, so as to cast out fear; may we be born of God, and overcome the world; may we keep thy commandments, and love thy children.

Hereby may we know that we are of the truth, and assure our hearts before thee.

May we not love the world nor the things of the world, knowing that the world passeth away and the things in it; and that, if the love of the world possesses our hearts, thy love cannot rule in us.

May we abide in Christ our Saviour, and walk even as he walked.

Help us to walk with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, to put away all bitterness and wrath and anger and evil-speaking, with all malice.

May we be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as thou, through Christ, hast forgiven us.

May we be followers of thee, as dear children, and walk in love, as Christ hath loved us, redeeming the time; having the fruit of the Spirit in all goodness and righteousness and truth, devoutly rejoicing together in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in our hearts unto the Lord.

May we give thanks always for all things unto thee, in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Help us to pray always, with all supplication, in the Spirit, and watch thereunto with all perseverance, and grow in the knowledge of Him, whom to know with thee is eternal life. O Father, may we love thee with all the heart, and seek after thee, and diligently walk in the way of wisdom, — the way of pleasantness and peace. Be thou our help and guide and deliverer, saving us from all the evils of this present life, and bringing us in thine own time, with all whom we love, to know and serve and worship thee in the everlasting peace and joy of heaven. Amen.

SEVENTH ORDER OF PRAYER.

O FATHER, ever-merciful and compassionate, lift upon us the light of thy countenance, and bless us.

Show thy mercy upon us, and grant us thy salvation.

Not as being worthy, but trusting in thy loving-kindness and unpurchased grace, we draw nigh to thee.

Not as we would, but as we are able, we bring to thee our offerings.

WE thank thee for thy love and favor towards us, and pray that thou wouldst strengthen us with might by thy Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; and that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, and be filled with all the fulness of God. *Amen.*

O LORD our God, the bountiful source of all good, we bless thee for our lives, and the gifts of grace, of nature, and of society; for instruction in divine truth; for the voice of thy *calling, repeated* so often; for thy patience, thy long-suffering, thy very long forbearance towards us, who often and grievously have sinned against thee; for all the benefits we have received; for all the little good we may have done; for the enjoyment of present good; for thy promise and our hope of good to come; for loving parents, for wise teachers, for benefactors never to be forgotten; for brethren of one mind with us; for kind friends, for faithful servants; for all who by their writings, or words, or example, have helped us in our heavenward way. For all these, and for all other known or unknown, remembered or forgotten mercies, we thank thee, and will give thee thanks, now and for ever. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who didst send thy Son to establish a kingdom of righteousness on earth, we pray for the whole Christian Church. Build it up in the truth, and fill it with all peace; purify it from all corruption; reclaim it from all error; strengthen and confirm it where it is right; supply its

wants; unite and heal its divisions; and, under outward diversities, let there be inward unity.

We beseech thee, heavenly Father, for all who labor in the ministry of thy blessed gospel: guide them by thy Holy Spirit, that they may be wise, steadfast, and zealous of thy glory; and so bless their labors, that the sheep that have gone astray may be brought back to the fold of the good Shepherd.

O heavenly Father, who hast commanded us to love one another as thy children, and hast ordained the purest friendship in the bond of thy Spirit, keep and preserve us therein, that we may all live in charity, and especially with all those who are near to us by ties of kindred or affection. Send down upon us the dew of thy heavenly grace, and pour thy Spirit into our hearts, that, walking in thy ways all the days of our lives, we may have joy in each other that passeth not away; and, having lived together in love here, may hereafter live for ever together in thy blessed kingdom. *Amen.*

O THOU, whose help is always nearest when most needed, the friend of the sorrowful and distressed, comfort those who are in grief or pain, oppressed with afflictions, or who labor under heavy burdens. Relieve the poor, and defend the cause of the fatherless and the widow. Strengthen those who languish on the bed of sickness, and those who are departing from this world. Keep them from sinning against thee, and from being overwhelmed by too heavy a sorrow. Let their lives end in holiness, in peace, and joy eternal. *Amen.*

ETERNAL God, in whom the spirits of the just do rest from their labors: we bless thee for the memory of the righteous, and especially for those most dear to us, who have lived in faith and departed in peace. May we follow their good examples, and, truly loving and serving thee on earth, be gathered with them into thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

O LORD, now of thine infinite goodness accept the offerings which with a free and joyful heart we bring to thee; and grant us evermore thy grace and peace. Amen.

EIGHTH ORDER OF PRAYER.

O LORD God, we enter thy gates with thanksgiving,

And thy courts with praise.

At all times and in all places, we will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God!

Fill our hearts with the spirit of praise and holy gladness.

ETERNAL God, who hast neither dawn nor evening, yet sendest us alternate mercies of the darkness and the day: there is no light but thine, without, within. As thou liftest the curtain of night from our abodes, take also the veil from all our hearts. Rise with thy morning upon our souls; quicken all our labor and our prayer; and, though all else declines, let the noontide of thy grace and peace remain. May we walk, while it is yet day, in the steps of Him who with fewest hours finished thy divinest work. *Amen.*

O LORD God, Fountain of comfort and help, of life and peace, of plenty and pardon, who fillest heaven with thy glory and earth with thy goodness: we give thee the most humble and earnest returns of a glad and thankful heart for the blessings of nature and of grace, for the support of every minute and the gifts of every day. What are we, O Lord, and what is our fathers' house, that the great God of men and angels should multiply upon us the proofs of his loving-kindness? Praised be the Lord daily, that helpeth us and poureth his blessings upon us. Blessed be the name of his majesty for ever, and let all the earth be filled with his glory. *Amen.*

HONOR and praise be unto thee, our Father in heaven, for all thy loving-kindness to us; for forming us after thine own image, for quickening us by thy Holy Spirit, for helping us in our necessities and dangers, comforting us in tribulation and sorrow, and sparing us until this hour, the living, to praise thee. O merciful Father, as we have received these benefits of thy great goodness, so we beseech

thee to grant us always thy Holy Spirit; that we may continually grow in thankfulness to thee, and be led into all truth. O Lord, strengthen our faith; kindle in us a fervent love towards thee and our neighbor. Suffer us not, most gracious Father, to receive in vain the rich and precious treasure of thy word. May it purify us from evil, and increase in us those heavenly virtues which were perfected in Jesus Christ. Hold thou us, that we may be delivered from all temptations, and may walk according to thy holy will until our lives' end. *Amen.*

O GOD, who hast commanded that no man should be idle, give us grace to employ all our talents and faculties in the service appointed for us; that whatsoever our hand findeth to do we may do it heartily: yet grant, O good Lord, that no worldly business, no worldly pleasure, may ever divert our thoughts from the life to come. Cheerfully may we go on in the road which thou hast marked out, not desiring too earnestly that it should be either more smooth or more wide; but, daily seeking our way by thy light, may we trust ourselves and the issue of our journey to thee, the fountain of joy, and, singing songs of praise, enter the gate of life eternal. *Amen.*

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings, without charity, are nothing worth, send thy Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: we beseech thee to have compassion on our infirmities; and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us in the fulness of thy tender love. *Amen.*

IN the faith and spirit of thy Son, we bring to thee, O Lord, our offerings of gratitude and adoration. *Amen.*

NINTH ORDER OF PRAYER.

HOLY Lord God, how can we lift up our face, and make mention of thy loving kindness? for thy praise is only our abasement, and the greatness of thy mercy is the measure of our guilt. Yet turn us not back from thy presence. Look upon us according to our deep need, not our poor deservings. Lift off the burden of our many sins, and revive the contrite that fly to thee. When thou art nigh, we are weary of our selfish desires, our faithless cares, our unresisted temptations; wasted moments and bitter words and vain ambitions rise up in judgment against us: we lay at thy feet with shame the vows we have not kept and the sorrows we have not sanctified. No secret thing is hid from thee. Thou knowest the spirit we are of. Chasten us with thy rebuke, seek us with thy pity, recall us by thy grace, ere we are quite estranged from thee. Let the saving word, once heard on earth, be renewed from heaven, "Your sins are forgiven, go in peace." *Amen.*

O GOD, our everlasting hope, who holdest us in life, and orderest our lot: we ask not for any prosperity that would tempt us to forget thee. As disciples of one who had not where to lay his head, may we freely welcome the toils and sufferings of our humanity, and seek only strength to glorify the cross thou layest on us. Every work of our hand may we do as unto thee; in every trouble, trace some lights of thine; and let no blessing fall on dry and thankless hearts. Redeeming the time, may we fill every waking hour with faithful duty and well-ordered affections, as the sacrifice which thou hast provided. Strip us, O Lord, of every proud thought; fill us with patient tenderness for others, seeing that we also are in the same case before thee; and make us ready to help, and quick to forgive. And then fix every grace, compose every fear, by a steady trust in thine eternal realities, behind the changes of time and the delusions of men. Thou art our Rock: we rest on thee. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY Lord, of whose righteous will all things are, and were created; who liftest the islands out of the deep, and preparest not in vain the habitable world: thou hast gathered our people into a great nation, and sent them to sow beside all waters, and multiply sure dwellings on the earth. Deepen the root of our life in everlasting righteousness; and let not the crown of our pride be as a fading flower. Make us equal to our high trusts; reverent in the use of freedom, just in the exercise of power, generous in the protection of weakness. To our Legislators and Counsellors give insight and faithfulness, that our laws may clearly speak the right, and our Judges purely interpret it. Let it be known among us how thou hatest robbery for burnt-offering; that the gains of industry may be all upright, and the use of wealth considerate. May wisdom and knowledge be the stability of our times; and our deepest trust be in thee, the Lord of nations and the King of kings. *Amen.*

O THOU whose eye is over all the children of men, and who hast called them, by thy Prince of Peace, into a kingdom not of this world, send forth his spirit speedily into the dark places of our guilt and woe, and arm it with the piercing power of thy grace. May it reach the heart of every oppression, and make arrogancy dumb before thee. Let it still the noise of our strife and the tumult of the people; put to shame the false idols of every mind; carry faith to the doubting, hope to the fearful, strength to the weak, light to the mourner; and more and more increase the pure in heart who see their God. Commit thy word, O Lord, to the lips of faithful men, or the free winds of thine invisible Providence; that soon the knowledge of thee may cover the earth, as the waters cover the channels of the deep. And so let thy kingdom come, and thy will be done. *Amen.*

THE Lord bless us, and keep us: may he be gracious unto us; and give us peace now and for ever. *Amen.*

TENTH ORDER OF PRAYER.

O GOD, ever-blessed and holy, none but the angels and thy Redeemed can serve thee with a perfect joy. On us, as we look up to the light of thy countenance, the shadows of shameful remembrance fall; and to all thy mercies we must still answer with a cry for more. Called in our measure to be perfect as thou art perfect, we have been most unlike to thee, and are not worthy to be deemed thy children. Thirsting with momentary desires, we have forsaken the living springs of heavenly wisdom, of which he that drinketh shall never thirst again. We have been slow to the calls of affection, heedless of the duties, hard under the sorrows, which are thy gracious discipline; yet are oppressed with cares thou layest not on us, with ease thou dost not permit, and wants thou wilt never bless. O Lord, regard our complaint: it is only against our faithless hearts. We have nothing to plead, and renounce our pride before thee. Only leave us not to ourselves. Visit us with the wrestlings of thy Spirit; and lay on us the cross, if we may but grow into the holiness, of Christ. *Amen.*

ETERNAL God, who committest to us the swift and solemn trust of life, since we know not what a day may bring forth, but only that the hour for serving thee is always present, may we wake to the instant claims of thy holy will; not waiting for to-morrow, but yielding to-day. Lay to rest, by the persuasion of thy Spirit, the resistance of our passion, indolence, or fear. Consecrate with thy presence the way our feet may go; and the humblest work will shine, and the roughest places be made plain. Lift us above unrighteous anger and mistrust into faith and hope and charity, by a simple and steadfast reliance on thy sure will; and so may we be modest in our time of wealth, patient under disappointment, ready for danger, serene in death. In all things, draw us to the mind of Christ, that thy lost image may be traced again, and thou mayst own us as at one with him and thee. *Amen.*

O GOD, who leadest us through seasons of life to be partakers of thine eternity, the shadows of our evening hasten on. Quicken us betimes; and spare us that sad word, "The harvest is passed, the summer is ended, and we are not saved." Anew we dedicate ourselves to thee. We would ask nothing, save only leave to go whither thou mayst guide, to live not far from thee, and die into thy nearer light. Content to accept the reproach of truth and the self-denials of pure integrity, we would take upon us the yoke of Christ, whom it behooved to suffer ere he entered into his glory. *Amen.*

LORD of all, whose balance trieth the nations, to lift up or to cast down, thou hast planted us, as a people, and laid upon us a mighty trust. Never through vain conceit may we be blind to the unchanging conditions of thy blessing. The world and its fulness are thine: our portion thereof may we hold, not in wanton self-will, but reverently, as of thee; making it the stronghold of right, the refuge of the oppressed, and the moderator of lawless ambition. Make all who speak or act for this nation true organs of thine equity, that through their wisdom and faithfulness thou mayest be our Lawgiver and Judge. And let it be that, as with the people so with the chiefs, as with the servant so with the master, as with the buyer so with the seller, all may know thee as weighing the path of the just; that righteousness may be the girdle of our power. *Amen.*

O GOD, who didst send thy word to speak in the Prophets and live in thy Son, and appoint thy Church to be witness of divine things in all the world, revive the purity and deepen the power of its testimony; and, through the din of earthly interests and the storm of human passions, let it make the still small voice of thy Spirit inly felt. Nearer and nearer may thy kingdom come from age to age. By the cleansing spirit of thy Son, make this world a fitting forecourt to that sanctuary not made with hands, where our life is hid with Christ in God. *Amen.*

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN.

AND Jesus took a child and set him in the midst; and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children, in my name, receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but Him that sent me.

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them; but when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.

Whosoever, therefore, shall humble himself as a little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

IN sympathy, as we believe, with the spirit of our Saviour, we are about to dedicate this child to God, in baptism. This water is the emblem of that purity which God desires in the souls of his children, — that purity which was in Christ Jesus, his well-beloved Son, in whom we are called to pureness and holiness of living.

WILL ye instruct this child in the gospel of Jesus Christ? And will ye faithfully endeavor to rear *him* in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Answer. We will.

Name this child.

And, repeating the name, the Minister shall baptize the child, saying:

I BAPTIZE thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Or,

IN the faith, fellowship, and hope of the gospel, I dedicate thee to God, our Father in heaven.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast promised unto us that thou wilt not only be our God, but the God and Father of our children, admit this child, we beseech thee, into the bosom of thy Church, into the service of Christ, into the arms of thy mercy, and into the communion of saints. Grant to *him* a healthful body, a good understanding, sweet dispositions, and rich measures of thy Holy Spirit, that being steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and rooted in charity, *he* may safely pass through the temptations of this world, and have part with thy faithful children in the life to come.

Endue these thy servants, O God, with wisdom from above. Help them in thine own best way to consecrate to thy service this cherished gift of thy goodness. By thy Holy Spirit aid them, and all who are here present, so to live before thee in love and obedience, as finally to see thy face in joy and peace eternal. *Amen.*

(*A Hymn may here be sung.*)

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our minds and hearts in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God, the Father Almighty, be amongst us, and remain with us always. *Amen.*

BAPTISM, OR CONFIRMATION.

JESUS said, Go, and teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo! I am with you always, unto the end of the world.

Then Peter said, Repent and be baptized every one of you, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, as many as the Lord our God shall call.

COME and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul. If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.

But verily God hath heard me. He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

The Minister shall then ask:

DO you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Answer. I do.

Will you renounce the fellowship of evil, and endeavor to do the will of God as revealed by Jesus Christ?

Answer. I will.

(For Confirmation, omit the Baptismal Form.)

THIS water is the emblem of that purity which God desires in the souls of his children, that purity which was in Christ Jesus, whose death and resurrection we would also remember; that as he died and rose again, so we who are baptized may die to sin, and rise again to righteousness.

Baptism shall then be administered, the Minister saying, —

I BAPTIZE thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

NOW are you our *brother* in the Christian Church; and with our whole hearts we will join you in your Christian confession.

The Congregation then standing, the Minister shall say:

IN grateful remembrance of the mercy of God, made manifest in our Christian birth, teaching, and fellowship, and with an earnest desire and humble hope to live more worthy of so great mercy, we dedicate ourselves to God's service, in the faith and hope of the gospel.

And may God, who giveth life to all, help us, that we may diligently renew this dedication in the conduct of our lives, and that we may so walk together in this life that, in the world to come, we may have life everlasting.

PRAYER.

To be said by the Minister.

DEFEND, O Lord, thy servant with thy heavenly grace, that *he* may continue thine for ever. Daily increase in *him* thy Holy Spirit, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and inward strength, the spirit of knowledge and true godliness, until *he* come into thine everlasting kingdom.

Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of thy name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of thy great mercy keep us in the same for evermore. *Amen.*

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep our minds and hearts through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

SENTENCES.

To be read when a Collection is taken.

CONCERNING the collection for the saints, upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him.

Therefore, as ye abound in faith and utterance and knowledge, and in all diligence, see that ye abound in charity also.

If there be a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.

Every man, according as he purposeth in his heart, give: not grudgingly, or of necessity; for God loveth a cheerful giver.

Inasmuch as ye have done good to one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do unto them.

Charge those who are rich in this world, that they be ready to give, and glad to distribute.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

COMMUNION SERVICE.

BLESSED are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, My Father giveth you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world. I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye, except ye abide in me. I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Ye are my friends, if ye do what soever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father, I have made known unto you.

Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

And the Spirit and the Church say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

By one Spirit are we baptized into one body, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. Being many, we are one, being partakers of one bread.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me.

Christ, our passover, is sacrificed for us: therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Exhortation.

A Suitable Address may here be given.

YE who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways, draw near with faith, and take this holy ordinance to your comfort, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Or this.

WE come to this table to testify, not that we are righteous, but that we sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ, and that we desire to be his true disciples. We come to receive not only the mercy of an hour, but that which may spring up to endless joy.. We come, not only to do the duty of an hour, but to promise that which we must perform while we live on earth. To this end, lift up your minds and hearts on high, where Jesus Christ abideth in the glory of his Father; and seek ye spiritually the truth, where God's Word hath promised that we shall find it.

Prayer.

To be said by the Minister.

ALMIGHTY God, as we come together in communion with thy well-beloved Son, quicken for us by thy present spirit every memory of his love. Grant that in his life we may be made alive, and that by his death even we may be made strong. Not in vain let us meet in his name, and read the glad tidings of his gospel; but grant that, as we eat of this broken bread and drink from this cup of blessing, we may be ready to take up our cross and follow him, and to enter that service which is perfect freedom. Bound together in the love which binds us to thyself, may we and all thy children become fellow-laborers with thee and with thy dear Son, that thy will may be done on earth as it is in heaven. *Amen.*

Then shall the Minister read as follows:

THE Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same

manner, also, he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye do eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till he come.

Then shall the Minister deliver the bread to his fellow-communicants, saying:

TAKE and eat this in remembrance of Christ.

And when he delivers the cup:

DRINK this in remembrance of Christ.

Then shall be said or sung the following:

GLORY be to God on high.

And on earth peace, good-will toward men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we give thee thanks, O Father everlasting,

For all thy love to us in Jesus Christ thy Son.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord, most high.

Then shall be said the following Prayers:

O GOD, Father of our spirits, in memory of Christ's life and teachings, of his death on the cross, and of his resurrection and ascension, we have united in this holy communion.

We remember him who loved us, and died for us, that he might redeem us to thee.

We remember and pray for the multitudes of every name, who are joined with us in the great household of faith, our brethren in Christ throughout the world.

Wilt thou in mercy remember and bless them all in Christ and in his truth?

We remember those who in ages past have gathered around this table of the Lord, who have fallen asleep in Christ, in the joyful hope of the blessed life to come.

Make us to feel that we are one with them in the faith of the gospel and its promises.

We remember, with affection, the dear friends who have been with us in former days, but now gone from our earthly communion. We would keep our love unwasted and unchanged till we meet them again in a better world

May we so live now that our souls may be in fellowship with their glorified spirits.

We remember the fathers from the beginning of the world, patriarchs, apostles, martyrs, and saints, all who have wrought righteousness, and walked with thee.

May we be one with them in faith and righteousness, and heirs of their blessings.

We remember all who are in sickness and distress, absent from home, and in foreign lands; and commend them to thy protection, comfort, and grace.

We remember in charity all who have done or wished us ill; forgiving our enemies, as we wish to be forgiven of thee.

We remember the whole family of man, our brethren, beseeching thee that all may taste of thy grace;

And that the ends of the earth may see the salvation of God.

We pray for the young, that they may be under the watchful care of thy love; may find true and wise friends ever ready to counsel and to help, and may grow up in the fear of the Lord, and the love of all that is worthy and good.

And unto us, O Lord, vouchsafe thy guidance; that, as Christians, we may live before thee in righteousness and charity, and in the joy of thy Holy Spirit.

Accept, O Father, ever-blessed God, these our supplications, and keep us always in thy love, and let our offerings find favor in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer.

To be said by Minister and People.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory for ever. *Amen.*

Then may be sung a Hymn.

Benediction.

AND now may the Lord God Almighty bless, preserve, and keep you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace now and for ever. *Amen.*

MARRIAGE SERVICE.

WE are met together here, in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this man and this woman in the bonds of matrimony, which is an estate instituted by God, adorned by the presence and guarded by the teaching of our Saviour, and made honorable by the faithful keeping of good men and women in all time. It is therefore not to be entered into lightly or unadvisedly by any one, but soberly, discreetly, and in the name of Almighty God.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, by whose word these thy children were created, and by whose watchful care and Providence they have been hitherto preserved and brought unto this hour, we entreat thee to approve their purpose, and to grant to its fulfilment the sanction of thy Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

(*Optional.*)

[I REQUIRE and charge you both that, if either of you know any just cause why ye may not lawfully be joined together in matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured that, if any are joined together other than as God's holy word doth allow, their marriage is not lawful.]

The Man and Woman then joining right hands, the Minister shall say to the Man,—

WILT thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance in the estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, in sorrow and in joy, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto her so long as ye both shall live?

The Man shall answer:

I will.

Then shall the Minister say to the Woman,—

WILT thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together after

God's ordinance in the estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health, in sorrow and in joy, and, forsaking all others, keep thee only unto him so long as ye both shall live?

The Woman shall answer:

I will.

If a Ring is used, the Man shall now put it on the fourth finger of the Woman's left hand, and, holding it there, shall, after the Minister, repeat these words:

WITH this ring I thee wed; and to thee only do I promise to keep myself so long as we both shall live.

Then shall the Minister say:

FORASMUCH as *M.* and *N.* have consented together in marriage, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth each to the other, and have declared the same by joining hands (and by giving and receiving a ring), I pronounce them to be husband and wife. And those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder.

Let us pray.

GIVER of all good and Fountain of all joy, the guide, support, and felicity of all who put their trust in thee: we beseech thee to bless these thy servants. Enable them faithfully to perform the covenant they have now made in thy presence. May their hearts be united in the closest bonds of love. May they be counsel and strength, and light and comfort one to the other; sharers of each other's joys, consolers of each other's sorrows, and helpers to each other in all the changes and chances of the world. Hand in hand, and heart with heart, trusting in each other and in thee, may they tread together the path of life. Be thou, O Father, their guard and guide. And lead them through this transitory world to the life eternal. *Amen.*

THE Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that ye may so live together in this life that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord Jesus Christ: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain that we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

All flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God endureth for ever.

(*Sentences may be read from Psalms* 23, *p.* 26; 39 *and* 90, *p.* 46; *and* 103, *p.* 51.)

LET not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither can corruption inherit incorruption. For this cor-

ruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death! where is thy sting? O grave! where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

I reckon that the sufferings of the present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed to us. For eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

Our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them that are exercised thereby.

The trying of your faith worketh patience. Submit yourselves to God, and the Lord will raise you up.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his abundant mercy, hath begotten us again to a lively hope, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead; to an inheri-

tance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.

We know in part, and we prophesy in part; but when that which is perfect shall come, then that which is in part shall be done away. Now we see through a glass, darkly; but then, face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying, Behold! the tabernacle of God is with men; and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write, From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Even so, saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, nor pain: for the former things are passed away.

Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

Jesus said, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God.

AN ADDRESS *may follow here.*

PRAYER *may here be offered by the Minister, or be said as follows:*

HOLY Father, be thou blessed both now and evermore; for all that thou doest is good. Thou hast seen fit to take away one who is very dear to us. Give us, we beseech thee, the spirit of filial submission. Enable us to say, It is well, for the Lord hath done it. May we feel that thy will is better than any thing we

can desire for ourselves, and may we find comfort in holy and happy thoughts of the unseen world. Bring home to our hearts the promises of thy Son to those who fall asleep in him.

O Lord, teach us how to live so as to please thee. May nothing cause us to forget that we are pilgrims and sojourners here, as all our fathers were; and may we set our chief affections on those things which are above. Merciful Father, forgive us our sins, and raise us from the death of sin to the life of righteousness.

O Lord God, fill our hearts with gratitude for thy great loving kindness to us. When thou takest away, we see how much thou hast given. We thank thee for the sweet memory of blessings which are for a season withdrawn from us, and for the many blessings which yet remain, and for hopes which no earthly troubles can overshadow.

Blessed be thy name, O Lord, for the assurance of eternal life; for the faith that, when the night of the grave is past, a glorious morning will come, when thou shalt wipe away all tears from our eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, nor pain. Let this immortal hope sustain us in our bereavement. May we embrace thy promises, and be thankful; may we know that thou art God, and be still.

O Lord, most high, with thy whole Church throughout the world we give thee thanks for all thy faithful servants who, having witnessed a good confession, have left the light of their example to shine before thy people on earth. Blessed be the memory of all thy saints in our hearts. Teach us, who now dwell upon earth, to practise their doctrine, to imitate their lives, and to follow their example as they have followed Christ and thee.

Hear, accept, and answer these our prayers, which we would offer to thee in the faith and spirit of thy Son. *Amen.*

A Hymn may here be sung.

MAY the peace of God, which passeth understanding, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit, be in your hearts always. *Amen.*

SERVICE TO BE USED AT THE GRAVE.

A HYMN *may be sung here, or at the close of the service.*

MAN that is born of woman is of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down; he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

In the midst of life, we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succor, but of thee, O Lord, in whom our souls do rest and hope?

We must work the work of Him that sent us while it is day; the night cometh, in which no man can work.

There the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest.

From henceforth blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

FORASMUCH as it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto himself the soul of his child, we therefore commit the body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in the living hope that, as he has borne the image of the earthy, so also he shall bear the image of the heavenly.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful are in joy and felicity: we thank thee for having given to us the dear friend whom thou hast now taken away, and for the blessed assurance of reunion in a better world. Oh, grant that we, with all who are departed in faith, may have our perfect consummation and bliss in thine eternal glory. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER *may here be said.*

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

THE END.

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